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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on September 30, 2010.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 24,25 and 30-37 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 24-25, 30-37 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Applicant's request for continued examination, filed September 30, 2010 is acknowledged. Claims 1-22 and 38-39 are withdrawn from consideration, claim 24 is amended, and claims 23 and 28-29 are cancelled. Claims 24-25, and 30-37 are pending and further considered on the merits.

Response to Amendment

In light of the amendments, the examiner modifies the grounds of rejection set forth in the office action dated August 28, 2009.

Claim Objections

Claims 24-25 and 30-37 are objected to because of the following informalities: Claim 24 recites "A mass tag reagent...having one of the following formulae". However, claim 24 recites only a single formula. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. **Claims 24-25 and 30-31** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Haralambidou et al., *Organic Mass Spectrometers* 1975 (Haralambidou, IDS).

3. Regarding claims 24-25 and 30-31, Haralambidou discloses a compound having the recited formula of claim 24 wherein R¹ and R² are methyl groups, L is a phenyl group, and RF is an N-hydroxysuccinimide ester (Table 2 pg 687, Formula III pg. 697).

4. **Claims 24-25 and 30-37** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Pappin et al., USPA 2004/0220412 (Pappin).
5. Regarding claims 24-25 and 30-32, Pappin discloses a mass tag reagent (abstract) having the recited formula of claim 24, wherein R¹ and R² are alkyl groups, L is an alkylene linker, and RF is an N-hydroxysuccinimide ester (formula above ¶ 0177, Claim 69).
6. Regarding claims 33-35, Pappin discloses a mass tag reagent further comprising a modified isotope distribution wherein the isotopes are hydrogen, carbon, and nitrogen (Claims 69).
7. Regarding claim 36, Pappin discloses an array of mass tag reagents which comprises two or more mass tags as described in claim 24 (Claim 69).
8. Regarding claim 37, Pappin discloses an array of mass tag reagents such that each mass tag in the array has a different mass (¶ 0041-0042).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DIRK BASS whose telephone number is (571) 270-7370. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Fri (9am-4pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vickie Kim can be reached on (571) 272-0579. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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